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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 331
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A RESOLUTION relative to providing adequate notice to the public of the presence of toxic and hazardous wastes at certain Superfund sites.

WHEREAS, the children of the state of Tennessee are placed at risk by toxic waste and hazardous waste sites that pose imminent danger to human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly strongly believes the children of this state should be made aware of the inherent dangers at such sites; and

WHEREAS, It is the intention of this General Assembly to encourage the implementation of a statewide system of toxic and hazardous waste awareness to protect children from toxic and hazardous waste contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Conservation is the most logical state agency to undertake a comprehensive project of this nature; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Department of Environment and Conservation is hereby directed to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and desirability of implementing a program to warn the public of the presence of toxic and hazardous wastes at certain Superfund Sites and the inherent dangers associated with toxic and hazardous wastes. Such program should be administered within the following parameters:

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Warning signs should be required and should be posted along the perimeter of all public or private properties and military facilities promulgated or voluntarily placed on the National Priority List of Superfund Sites, if such sites are located within one (1) mile of a public or private school.

Such warning signs should be posted conspicuously and should bear the word "DANGER" in large type and in a bright color and should also have the skull-and-crossbones symbol conspicuously embossed thereon. In addition to being posted along the perimeter of any National Priority List Superfund Site within one (1) mile of a public or private school, such warning signs should also be posted along the borders of ditches or creeks originating from and/or adjacent to such sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Environment and Conservation shall report its findings and recommendations relative to such study, including any proposed legislation, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than January 15, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation.